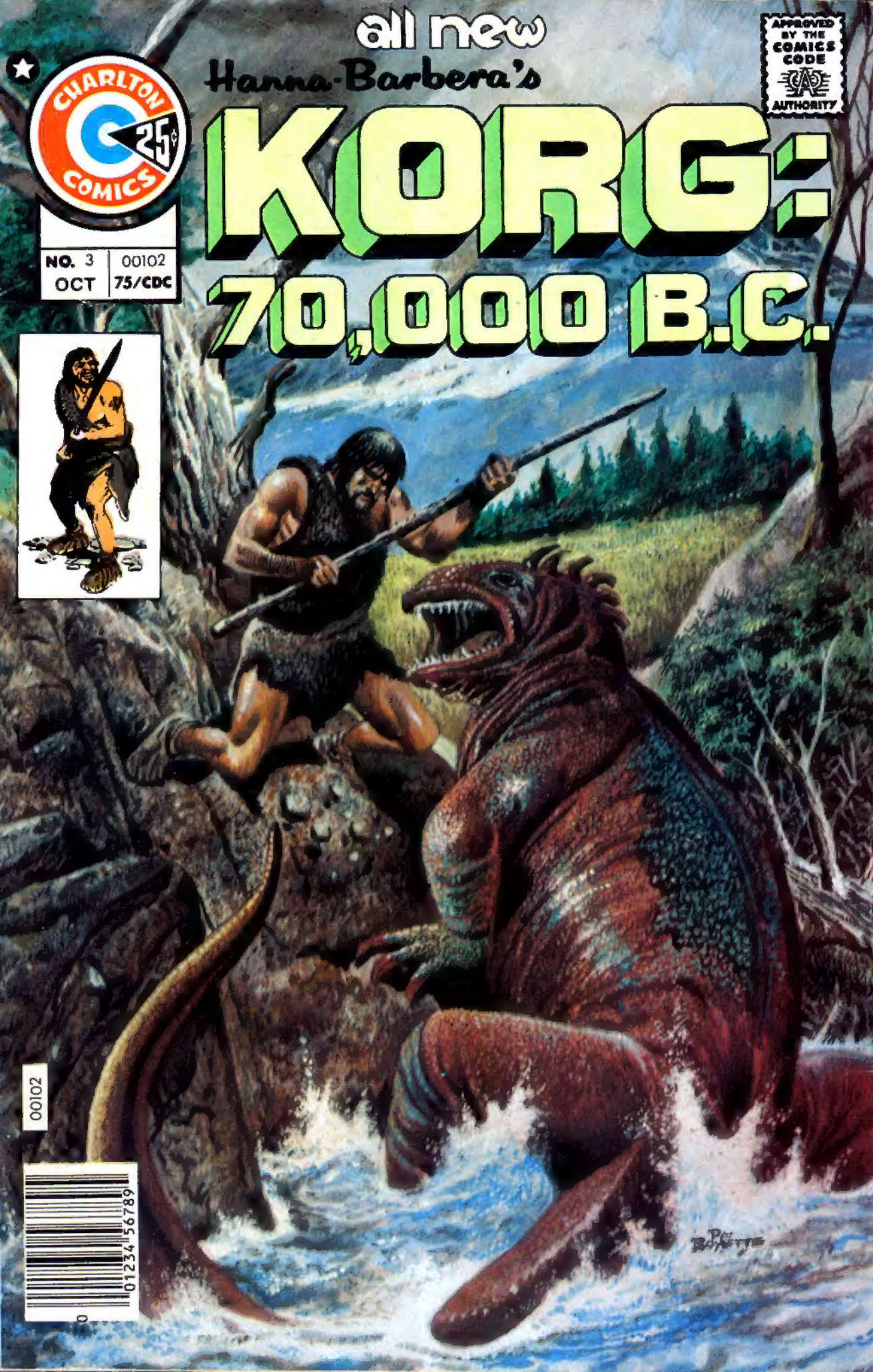

all new
Hanna-Barbera's
KORG:
70,000 B.C.
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
CHARLTON COMICS
25¢
NO. 3
OCT
00102
75/CDC
00102

ON THIS DAY, KORG IS FILLED WITH FEAR AND WONDER! HE WAS BORN TO THIS LAND! IT IS THE ONLY HOME HE HAS EVER KNOWN.. BUT IT NO LONGER WELCOMES HIM.. NOW- EVEN THE AIR IS TURNING TO ICE! SOMEWHERE AND SOMEHOW, HE MUST FIND A PLACE WHERE THE SUN WILL AGAIN SMILE ON HIS FAMILY! TO REMAIN HERE CAN ONLY BRING CERTAIN DEATH!
Hanna-Barbera's
KORG
70,000 B.C.
EDITOR GEORGE WILDMAN
SCRIPT & ART PAT BOYETTE
D-7408
1

KORG: 70,000 B.C. Vol. 1, No. 3, October, 1975,
Published bimonthly by CHARLTON PUBLICATIONS, INC. at Charlton Building, Division St., Derby, Conn. 06418. John Santangelo Jr., Publisher. George R. Wildman, Managing Editor. 25¢ per copy. Subscription $1.25 annually. Printed in U.S.A. The stories, characters and incidents portrayed in this periodical are entirely fictitious, and no identification with actual persons, living or dead, is intended. This magazine has been produced and sold subject to the restrictions that it shall only be resold at retail as published and at full cover price. It is a violation of these stipulations for this magazine to be offered for sale by any vendor in a mutilated condition, or at less than full cover price. National Advertising Representatives: Dilo, 114 E 32nd St., New York, N.Y. 10016 (212-686-8050). © 1975 HANNA-BARBERA PRODUCTIONS, INC. International copyright secured. All rights reserved.

LIKE A GROANING, STRAINING JUGGERNAUT —THE HEAVY HAND OF NATURE SENDS A FROZEN FIST ACROSS THE TOP OF THE WORLD! THIS IS THE ICE AGE!
MAN AND BEAST AND MOTHER EARTH ARE CRUSHED UNDER THE MASSIVE WEIGHT OF HUNGRY GLACIERS! SOME OF EARTH'S CREATURES WILL DISAPPEAR FOREVER —THEIR KIND WILL NOT BE SEEN AGAIN!
NEVER HAS PRIMITIVE MAN —WITH A LIFE CYCLE OF ENDLESS STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL— FACED SUCH AN AWESOME MENACE!
KORG.. THE ICE IS ALMOST AT THE CAVE...

YES, BOK..WE CAN WAIT NO LONGER...WE MUST MOVE AHEAD OF IT!

MARA! REE! COME!
WE CAN NO LONGER STAY HERE!

AND WHERE WILL WE GO? THE ICE IS EVERYWHERE, KORG!
I DON'T KNOW, MARA.. BUT WE MUST TRY TO LIVE!
BRING WHAT YOU CAN - BUT HURRY!

AND SO IT BEGAN.. A LONG JOURNEY INTO THE... UNKNOWN.. A DESPERATE QUEST TO FIND A...
LAND OF MILK AND HONEY!

KORG HAD LONG WATCHED MANY ANIMALS MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION .. SOMEHOW HE FELT THESE BEASTS KNEW THE WAY TO SAFETY...

KORG KNEW THIS WOULD BE A TRAIL OF PERIL - BUT HE DID NOT SO SOON EXPECT THE TERRIFYING ALARM....
SLIDE!
MARA.. BACK!
ROOOMM
MERE FLESH AND BONE IS NO DEFENSE AGAINST TONS OF MOVING ICE...
AIEEEEE
5

THE SLIDE PASSES QUICKLY- BUT THE DAMAGE IS LONG LASTING...
I'M ALL RIGHT, KORG ...BUT THE OTHERS?
BOK TANE REE TOR
KORG IS ANSWERED ONLY BY HIS OWN RETURNING VOICE! THERE IS A SHUDDER OF PANIC AS HE REALIZES THAT HE AND MARA ARE ALONE!
BOK BOK BOK TANE
TOR REE
!
6

DESPERATELY, KORG DIGS TO FREE A STILL BREATHING BOK!
BOK.. THE THREE YOUNG ONES ARE MISSING... I CAN'T FIND THEM!
AND NOWHERE ARE THEY TO BE FOUND.. THE SNOW HAS SWALLOWED THEM!
TANE
REE TOR
AS THE SUN SLIPS AWAY -SO DOES HOPES OF FINDING THE CHILDREN! FATIGUE AND GRIEF TAKE THEIR TOLL.. BUT-THIS NIGHT CANNOT BE GIVEN TOTALLY TO MOURNING- THERE MUST BE TIME FOR TERROR..
GONE!
...GROTESQUE SHADOWS ARE MOVING PAST THE REFUGE..
BUT WHAT ARE THEY?
SHHHH, BOK THERE ARE CREATURES HERE..

I DON'T KNOW ..I HAVE NEVER SEEN THINGS LIKE THAT!
AAGGGT
KORRRGGGGGG

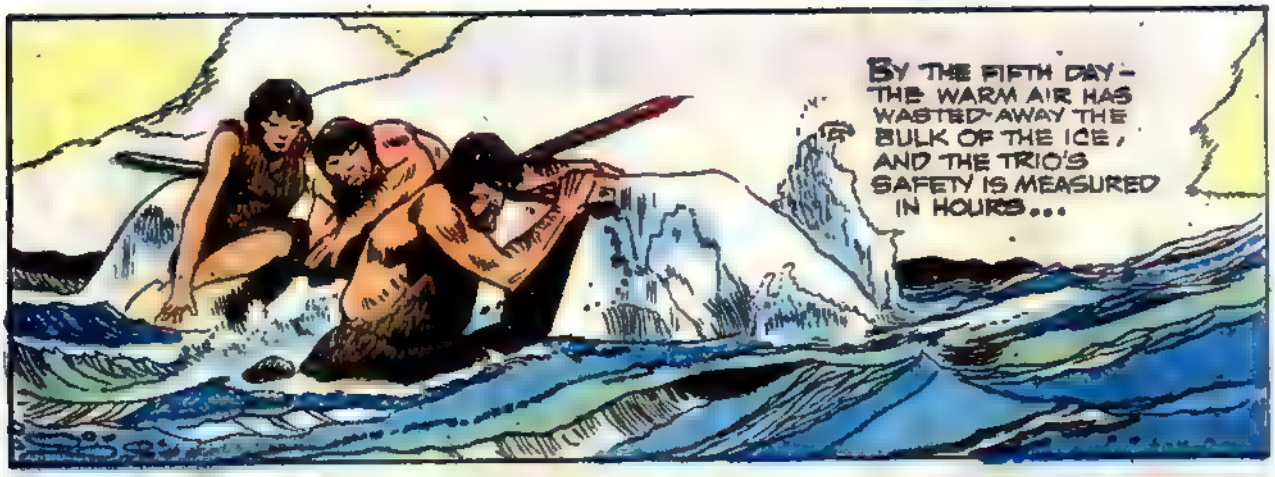
KORG PUTS HIS FULL STRENGTH BEHIND THE SPEAR THAT IS AIMED AT THE CREATURE'S HEART..!
THE SPIKE FINDS THE MARK!
HHHHHHH!
WITH A SCREAM OF DYING ANGUISH ...THE BEAST LURCHES INTO THE SNOW!
BOK?
MY LEG! HURTS... BROKEN!
A BROKEN SPEAR SERVES AS A SPLINT BUT DOES LITTLE TO BALM THE STABBING PAIN AS BOK SUFFERS THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT!

FOR KORG, THIS IS A TIME OF WATCHFUL WAITING — BUT ALTHOUGH THE CREATURES RANT AND SCREAM THROUGH THE DARK HOURS — NO ATTACK IS LAUNCHED!
AT FIRST LIGHT, KORG PUSHES ON — KNOWING THAT EACH STEP WILL BE TORMENT FOR BOK!
HE KNOWS TOO THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW MANY OF THOSE STEPS BOK CAN MAKE BEFORE THE JOURNEY ENDS!
BUT THE WILL TO SURVIVE CAN BE DETERMINED — EVEN AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS!
AND, MOTHER NATURE SEEMS BENT ON TESTING THIS TRIO TO THE FULLEST! SUDDENLY, THE ICE BEGINS TO TREMBLE AND RUMBLE BENEATH THEIR FEET...
GROOAANNNNN

CONTINUED AFTER FOLLOWING PAGE

WITH A MIGHTY SURGE, THE ICE RUPTURES IN A CLOUD OF FROZEN MIST!
CRAAAK-KAAA
KORG'S SENSES - DULLED BY FATIGUE, FAIL HIM! HE MAKES NO MOVE TO REACH FIRM GROUND!
IN SECONDS, THE THREE ARE SEPARATED FROM THE GLACIER BY THE FROZEN SLUSH OF THE SEA!
KORG IS NO LONGER MASTER OF HIS DIRECTION! NOW - HE MUST GO WHERE THESE WATERS TAKE HIM!

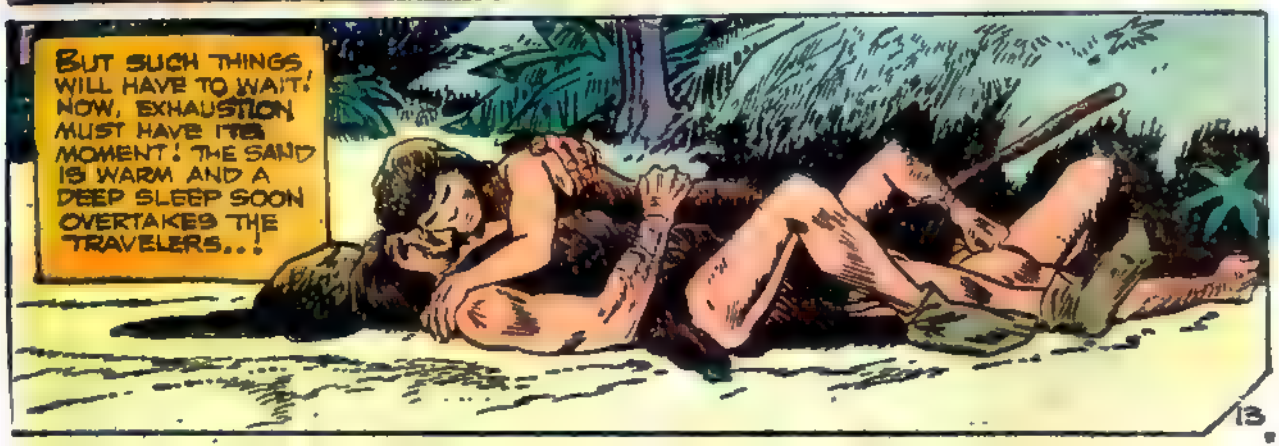
KORG HAS NEVER SEEN THE SEA..HE IS A STRANGER TO THIS WORLD OF WATER AND HE IS AWED AND TERRIFIED AT THE MAJESTY!
THERE ARE WATER THINGS HERE TOO, AND ALTHOUGH KORG CANNOT SEE THE FACES, HE FEELS THEY ARE DEMONS!
NEVER HAS KORG FELT SO HELPLESS.. FOR NOW HE FEELS A WARM BREEZE AGAINST HIS CHEEK.. THE ICE CANNOT LAST...
THEN A STRANGE SERENITY ENGULFS KORG AS HE WONDERS AT THE TOWERING CLOUDS — BUT THIS PEACE IS SHORT LIVED!
WE CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THIS DANGER, BOK!
WE WAIT FOR DEATH !?
12


BY THE FIFTH DAY— THE WARM AIR HAS WASTED AWAY THE BULK OF THE ICE, AND THE TRIO'S SAFETY IS MEASURED IN HOURS...

BUT WITH THE SETTING SUN COMES A GLIMPSE OF HOPE! ON THE HORIZON, KORG CAN MAKE OUT THE WELCOME LINES OF LAND..
LAND!

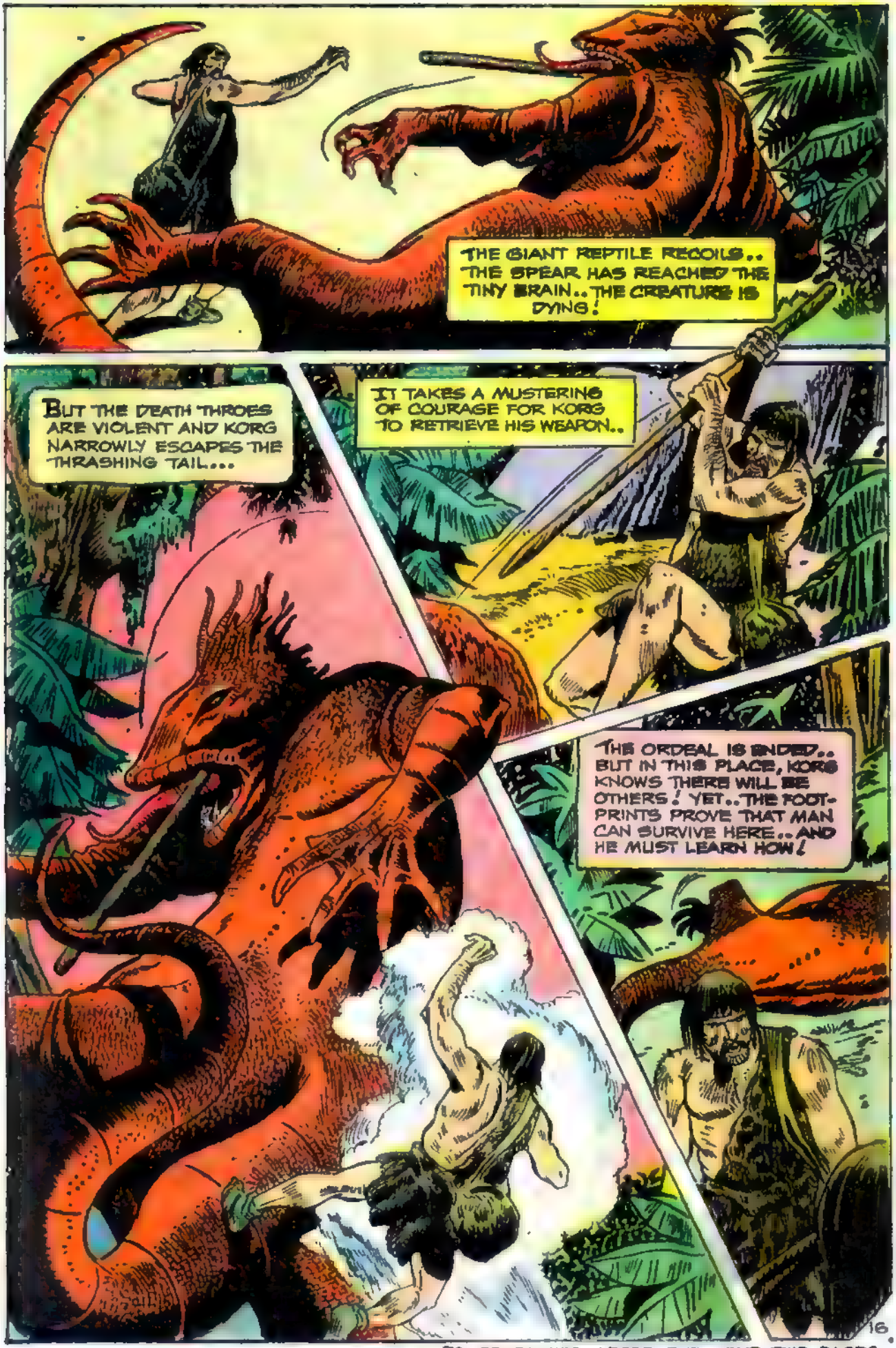
UNDER A BLOOD-RED MOON, THE CURRENTS DEPOSIT THE REFUGEES ON AN ALIEN BEACH...

THE JUNGLE IS DARK AND FOREBODING.. THERE MUST BE CREATURES HERE.. MAYBE DEMONS!


BUT SUCH THINGS WILL HAVE TO WAIT! NOW, EXHAUSTION MUST HAVE ITS MOMENT! THE SAND IS WARM AND A DEEP SLEEP SOON OVERTAKES THE TRAVELERS..!

KORG!
FOOT-TRACKS!
DAWN..!!
MAN TRACKS!
THE TRIO CANNOT LIVE ON THE BEACH, SO KORG DETERMINES THAT THEY FOLLOW THE FOOT-PRINTS! THE NIGHT VISITOR WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT HOSTILE, AND PERHAPS HE MAY EVEN HELP THEM!
CREE!

DEMON!
BACK!
KORG STRIKES FOR THE BRAIN HE KNOWS IS SOMEWHERE BEHIND THAT SOFT PALLET...

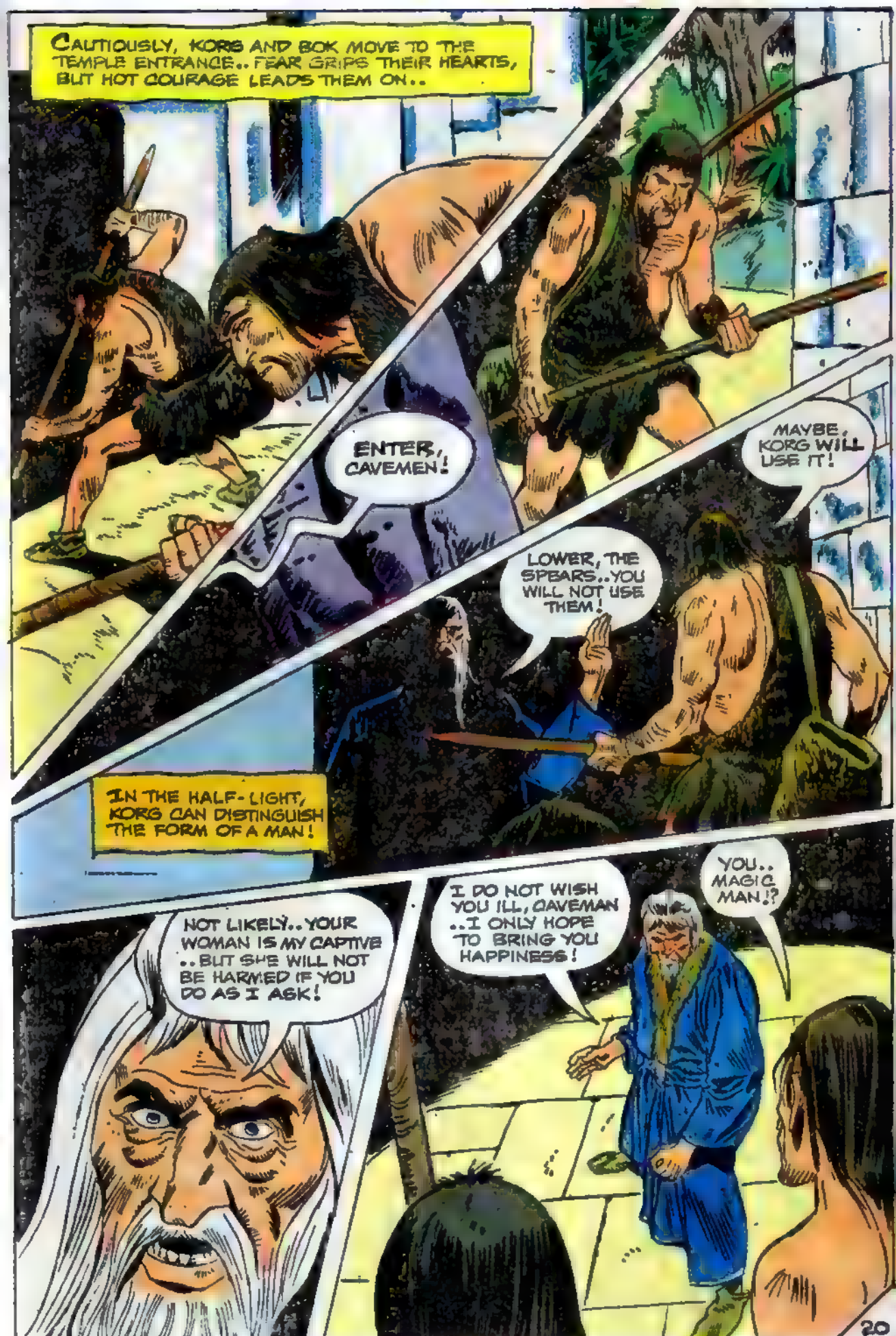

THE GIANT REPTILE RECOILS.. THE SPEAR HAS REACHED THE TINY BRAIN.. THE CREATURE IS DYING!
IT TAKES A MUSTERING OF COURAGE FOR KORG TO RETRIEVE HIS WEAPON..
BUT THE DEATH THROES ARE VIOLENT AND KORG NARROWLY ESCAPES THE THRASHING TAIL...
THE ORDEAL IS ENDED.. BUT IN THIS PLACE, KORG KNOWS THERE WILL BE OTHERS! YET.. THE FOOT-PRINTS PROVE THAT MAN CAN SURVIVE HERE.. AND HE MUST LEARN HOW!

CONTINUED AFTER THE NEXT TWO PAGES

KORG IS AWARE OF A BEAUTY IN NATURE THAT HE NEVER SAW IN THE BARREN ROCKS OF HIS HOMELAND!
IN THE DISTANCE, THEY CAN SEE GRAZING HERDS .. THERE IS MUCH GAME HERE!
AND THE VINES AND TREES ARE ABUNDANT WITH FRUIT AND BERRIES!
BUT IN THE SKY THERE IS A GREAT MYSTERY.. BRIGHT, SHIMMERING LIGHTS!

KORG IS CERTAIN THAT IF HE CAN FIND THE MAKER OF THE FOOTPRINTS.. HE WILL ALSO FIND ANSWERS!
THIS WAY!
BUT-THIS GAME OF 'HIDE AND SEEK' HAS TWO SETS OF PLAYERS!
ALERT AS KORG IS .. HE FAILS TO DETECT THE FIGURE THAT FOLLOWS THEIR EVERY STEP....
THIS IS A LAND OF MANY SURPRISES.. BUT THE FOOTPRINTS LEAD TO THE MOST SHOCKING OF ALL!
STONE MAN!

WE GO FROM THIS PLACE, KORG! THERE IS EVIL HERE!
NO! MAN TRACKS HERE! WE FIND MAN!
THERE MAY BE DANGER HERE, WIFE... YOU WAIT!
COME, BOK!
MARA AGAIN WATCHES HER MAN WALK TOWARD THE UNKNOWN, AND SHE FEELS PRIDE IN HIS BRAVERY!
BUT, IT IS NOT KORG WHO IS IN PRESENCE OF HARM... BUT HERSELF!
NOT MAKE NOISE!


CAUTIOUSLY, KORG AND BOK MOVE TO THE TEMPLE ENTRANCE.. FEAR GRIPS THEIR HEARTS, BUT HOT COURAGE LEADS THEM ON..
ENTER, CAVEMEN!
MAYBE, KORG WILL USE IT!
LOWER, THE SPEARS..YOU WILL NOT USE THEM!
IN THE HALF-LIGHT, KORG CAN DISTINGUISH THE FORM OF A MAN!
NOT LIKELY..YOUR WOMAN IS MY CAPTIVE ..BUT SHE WILL NOT BE HARMED IF YOU DO AS I ASK!
I DO NOT WISH YOU ILL, CAVEMAN ..I ONLY HOPE TO BRING YOU HAPPINESS!
YOU.. MAGIC MAN!?

CONTINUED AFTER FOLLOWING PAGE

I AM A 'SAMARITAN'.. IT IS MY DEDICATION TO BRING COMFORT TO THOSE WHO ARE WEARY AND TROUBLED!
ARE YOU TROUBLED, CAVEMAN?
I HAVE LOST THREE CHILDREN ..I THINK THEY ARE DEAD!
NO..THEY ARE NOT DEAD! IN MY MIND I SEE THEM ..AND YOU WILL TOUCH THESE CHILDREN AGAIN!
BUT-YOU MUST GO TO A PLACE WHERE MAN IS NOT PERMITTED TO GO.. YOU MUST CLIMB THE 'MOUNTAIN OF LIGHTS' AND THERE YOU WILL FACE MUCH PAIN AND ANGUISH... WILL YOU GO?
AND SO.. A DREADFUL CHALLENGE IS PRESENTED TO KORG, AND HE KNOWS HE WILL ANSWER...
NEXT ISSUE: MOUNTAIN OF LIGHTS!
END,

ELUSIVE MAN

by Pat Boyette

SCIENCE, IN ITS SEARCH FOR TRUTH, HAS PLACED MAN'S APPEARANCE ON THIS PLANET AT TWO MILLION YEARS AGO! WE ARE ACADEMICALLY COMFORTABLE IN THE CONCLUSION THAT WITH THE EMERGENCE OF NEANDERTHAL AND CRO MAGNON, MAN HAD BECOME ACCOMPLISHED IN THE USE AND MANUFACTURE OF PRIMITIVE TOOLS!

CRO-MAGNON GAVE US BEAUTIFUL AND ADVANCED EXPRESSIONS IN HIS CAVE PAINTINGS. ALSO, HIS CLOTHES WERE OF FUNCTIONAL DESIGN!

IN SOME UNKNOWN WAY, HE WAS ABLE TO STRAIGHTEN THE CURVING TUSKS OF THE MAMMOUTH TO FASHION EFFECTIVE SPEARS!

BUT, EVERYTIME WE FEEL CONFIDENT IN WRITING A PRECISE CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF MAN - STRANGE ANOMOLIES APPEAR TO QUESTION OUR CONCLUSIONS! FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE MOSCOW MUSEUM THERE IS A BISON SKULL THAT CARRIES A HOLE THAT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN MADE BY A BULLET.. AND THAT SHOT WAS FIRED AT A TIME WHEN MAN WAS CARRYING CLUBS AND SPEARS, SO THE QUESTION IS...

..WHO WAS THE MAN WHO WALKED AMONG THEM..CARRYING A RIFLE?

END

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Think of our sun as an ordinary star in the outskirts of one galaxy among billions of galaxies in our universe. And then think of our planet, Earth, bound to that ordinary star, one of many.

Thought of in this way, Earth seems unimportant; but it is unique, for in the vast Universe it is the *only* planet we now know of that supports human life.

Many scientists believe our solar system began as an interstellar (among the stars) cloud of gases and dust. This dust cloud collapsed due to gravity into a flatened, revolving disk. It took about 80 million years of further sorting for this disk to become a central mass with a series of concentric rings surrounding it. This center became the sun. The concentric rings became the planets.

This all took place in darkness; but as the mass that became our sun contracted, nuclear reactions within it started and it began to create tremendous heat and light.

It is generally agreed that our planet is 4.5 billion years old. For most of that time, Earth was without any form of life. Possibly, the earliest, most primitive form of single-cell organisms appeared on Earth about 2 billion years ago. The earliest animal fossils found on Earth are those of primitive water-dwelling invertebrates, animals without backbones. Some had jointed bodies and shells. They were well adapted to the ancient, silent seas. Then, about 425 million years ago, something new came along. It was called an ostracoderm, and it looked a little like a fish but it was

the first creature with an internal skeleton. It didn't have jaws, though, living by sucking up more primitive life forms from the bottom. The ostracoderm became a loser when fish with jaws came along and this critter could seize its food or even living prey.

These early - jawed fishes were called placoderms and acanthodians, but they were replaced by fish more adapted to different environments. Some species developed better fins for swimming; another kind came along that had gills to breathe under water but they also had lungs which enabled them to get oxygen from air. About 360 million years ago, the first crossopterygians ventured out on land and liked it enough to stay. The first land animals were found in eastern Greenland, a primitive amphibian that could live on land or in water. They learned to lay leathery eggs in sandy places so their young, when the eggs hatched, had a greater chance to survive than in water. This new breed became the reptiles we now know.

Thus began the age of reptiles. The first primitive forms evolved into special types, each with an aptitude for survival in a particular way. Some reptiles went airborne. They had wings formed of skin, like a

bat, and they hunted from the air, swooping down on fish in lagoons.

The forerunners of mammals on Earth were a different kind of reptile. They had lighter bones and were able to move more quickly than their heavier swamp - bound cousins. These creatures were called synapsids. They had reptilian and mammalian characteristics and formed the bridge between the reptiles of that time and a new kind of life — mammals. Man is a member of this latter group.

These synapsids suckled their young. And about 100 million years ago the mammals began to spread across the Earth at the same time the reptiles were going into their decline. One species was called the tree shrew and evolved into the primates — monkeys, apes, and, eventually, Man.

These tree shrews had a larger brain than other mammals. Their fingers and toes were capable of

greater movement. They could climb higher in search of insects and fruits so they survived more easily.

Then, those useful paws became hands that could grasp and hold quickly. They had slender legs so they swung nimbly through the trees. They became the lemurs, once found everywhere on Earth, but now found only on Madagascar. Then there came Proconsul, a species discovered in Africa in 1948. He was the ancestor of the great apes and scientists say Proconsul fathered another species which left the trees and became ground - dwellers. They were Man.

On a planet 4.5 billion years old, life has only existed for about 425 million years. Who knows what the next 500 million years will bring.

And somewhere out there in the solar system, there may be ancient worlds with incredibly intelligent creatures watching us and marveling at the dumb way we go about things.

A
VIGILANTE 407
Scan